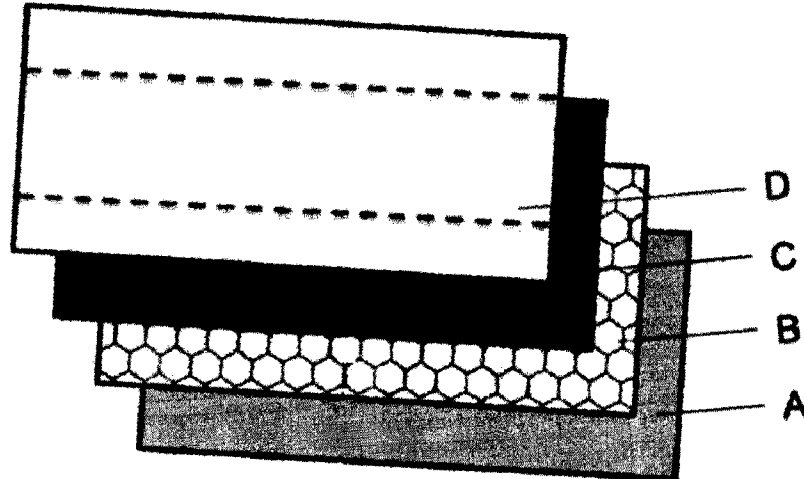




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(57) **Abrégé/Abstract:**

The present invention relates to a breathable, reusable, leakproof, absorbent, antimicrobial, waterproof and vapour disperser multilayer lining for clothing. The purpose of this lining is to avoid the release of body fluids such as sweat, blood, vaginal fluids, menstrual fluid, urine, breast milk or postoperative fluids.

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a breathable, reusable, leakproof, absorbent, antimicrobial, waterproof and vapour disperser multilayer lining for clothing. The purpose of this
5 lining is to avoid the release of body fluids such as sweat, blood, vaginal fluids, menstrual fluid, urine, breast milk or postoperative fluids.

MULTI-LAYER GARMENT LINING

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[001] The present invention is a multilayer breathable, reusable, leak-proof garment lining
5 with absorbent, antimicrobial, waterproofing and vapor dispersion functions.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[002] Clothes with features providing solutions for consumers are also able to increase
their well-being and health. Currently, there are different solutions for issues related to the
release of body fluids, such as sweat, blood, vaginal fluids, menstrual fluid, urine, breast milk or
10 postoperative fluids.

[003] Nonetheless, many of the existing solutions for the release of body fluids are not
practical, for they entail everyday use and reapplication. Additionally, disposal after use may
create further technical problems for consumers.

[004] That said, washable and reusable products to solve problems regarding the release
15 of body fluids are what the consumer wishes for. Furthermore, the high durability of such
products is another welcomed feature.

[005] The present invention relates to a breathable, reusable and leakproof multilayer
lining for clothing. The purpose of this lining is mainly to avoid the release of body fluids such as
sweat, blood, vaginal fluids, menstrual fluid, urine, breast milk or postoperative fluids. The lining
20 may be sewn or pasted to the garment of choice in order to increase the quality of life and well-
being of consumers. Said garments to which the lining may be applied are: men and women's
underwear, shorts, Bermuda shorts, skirts, trousers, brassieres, shirts, t-shirts, overalls, panty
girdles, dresses, women's and men's pyjamas, and others.

[006] This multilayer lining for clothing has a minimum of four layers, among which at least
25 one includes antimicrobial functions, which is fundamental to ensure the user's health and well-
being.

[007] In addition to contributing positively to the environment, the reusability of said lining

guarantees the invention is an economical and hygienic solution for the user.

[008] The breathability of the multilayer lining for clothing is essential to maintain the user's temperature stability and comfort during its use. Moreover, the lining has an antimicrobial function that will last for up to 60 washes in a washing machine. To preserve its antimicrobial
5 feature after several washes, the lining must be sanitized without softener or bleach, as to retain its functions.

[009] The US patent application US 2013006288 discloses several embodiments of multilayer linings for clothing. One of these embodiments discloses a lining integrating a first layer with absorbing and draining functions; a second antimicrobial layer; a third waterproof and
10 breathable layer made up of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE); a fourth outer layer of fabric, which protects the third layer and helps to diffuse moisture, and a fifth layer of outer finish.

[010] It is worth mentioning that the waterproof layer of the present patent application is composed of breathable thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU), while the breathable layer of the US application in question is made of PTFE. The use of TPU in the waterproof layer provides
15 benefits to the multilayer lining of this invention, since it is breathable and promotes vapour dispersion and waterproofing. In addition to all this, the TPU layer used in the claimed multilayer lining is added to the lining without using any chemical treatment, turning it into a cheaper option, of rapid production and even more hygienic, mainly for users with allergic problems, for example. In view of the foregoing features, the multilayer lining of the present invention is a
20 technical solution that differs from the one described on the aforementioned US patent document.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[011] The present invention is a breathable, reusable and leakproof multilayer lining for clothing. The purpose of this lining is to avoid the release of body fluids such as sweat, blood,
25 vaginal fluids, menstrual fluid, urine, breast milk or postoperative fluids. Additionally, said multilayer lining for clothes has absorbing, antimicrobial, waterproofing and vapour dispersion functions.

[012] The multilayer lining for clothing may be sewn or pasted to the garment in question, including but not limited to: men and women's underwear, shorts, Bermuda shorts, skirts, trousers, brassieres, shirts, t-shirts, overalls, panty girdles, dresses, women's and men's pyjamas, and others.

5 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

[013] The following is a description of the present invention according to the various embodiments depicted in the figures.

[014] Figure 1 is a schematic view showing the multilayer lining for clothing composed by layers A, B, C and D.

10 [015] Figure 2 is a schematic view showing the multilayer lining for clothing composed by layers A, B, C, D1 and D2.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[016] The present invention is a multilayer lining for clothing that may be used in garments, preferably in men and women's underwear.

15 [017] The multilayer lining for clothing has at least 4 (four) layers, wherein the first layer "A" is made of outer finish material, preferably selected from the group including: cotton, modal, bamboo, viscose, polyester, microfibre, nylon, including combinations with elastane, lycra and spandex.

[018] A second layer "B" of a natural or synthetic material selected from a group including:
20 cotton, polyester, bamboo, viscose, tinsel, modal and nylon with a weight between 60 and 350g/m², and it may have a mesh structure with twisted fabric, fleece, plush or microfibre. This layer is chemically treated with an antimicrobial product, especially with products containing silver ions, such as Silpure (product by Thomson Research associates).

[019] The third layer of the multilayer lining, layer "C", is composed of breathable
25 thermoplastic polyurethane of 0.015-0.020mm, which is applied without using any harmful chemicals, such as those present in linings already known in the art.

[020] A fourth inner layer, layer "D", is a contact layer made of any fabric with appropriate

features for absorption, hygiene, draining, etc.

[021] Layer "C", the third layer, is fixed to the second layer, layer "B", by a lamination process, with heat application. The rest of the layers are bonded through a specific sewing process.

5 [022] The combination of waterproof layer "C" and antimicrobial layer "B" increases antimicrobial effectiveness due to the fact that layer "C" is located at the bottom of the multilayer lining, so that most of the absorbed liquid is not in contact with the antimicrobial fabric. In addition, the organization of layers "B" and "C" improves the flexibility of the garment when using the multilayer lining. Also, because of the layer layout, the lining of the present invention is
10 not too thick, so its use becomes more comfortable for the user.

[023] In another modality of the present invention, layer "D" is replaced by layers "D1" and "D2". Layer "D2" is an optional layer with an absorbing function, while layer "D1" is the inner layer.

[024] Layer "D1" is the inner layer of the lining, which may be made of 51% of the
15 following materials: modal, viscose, bamboo, carbon or cotton with 90-300gsm. Additionally, layer "D1" may be knitted or weaved with a special pattern to be created as follows: (1) bigger openings or conduits for the liquid, wherein the said conduits facilitate the mechanical passage, through capillary absorption, to the next layer. This liquid includes, but is not limited to, liquids with high viscosity and/or less polarised than water, with (2) 3D texture providing a larger
20 contact surface towards the body - allowing a faster drying and a drier touch if compared with Jersey fabric of simple or double mesh of comparable weight and denier.

[025] Layer "D2" of the present invention is an absorbent layer made of at least 90% polyester or microfibre with coolplus fibre, integrated with rapid absorption and drying
25 technologies commonly used in clothing manufacture with rapid absorption and drying, since such technologies use chemicals that may fade after washing due to the fact that they were developed with rapid absorption and drying functions. Additionally, because coolplus fibres are

directly added to the fabric, they are the most resistant ones, and they do not get damaged or loose over time. Such features help to regulate temperature, preventing it from increasing in the lining.

5 [026] Depending on the purpose of the multilayer lining for clothing, this layer may be optional or present in larger quantities.

[027] The multilayer lining for clothing, resists up to 60 washes in a washing machine, provided that due care is taken, complies with IS20743 standard, and stands a waterproofing test for up to 12 hours while applying 500 mL of fluid. It is also pervious to air.

10 [028] The skilled in the art will value the knowledge provided herein and will be able to reproduce the invention in the presented embodiments, as well as in other variations, included in the scope of the annexed claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A multilayer lining for clothing, the multilayer lining consisting of:
a first layer, a second layer, a third layer and a fourth layer,
the first layer is an outer layer, the second layer is located between the first and the third layer, the third layer is located between the second layer and the fourth layer, the fourth layer is an inner layer, and the second layer and the third layer are located between the first layer and the fourth layer,
the first layer comprises a layer of outer finish material,
the fourth layer comprises an absorbent and drainable layer which is positioned to be in contact with skin of a user,
the second layer comprises a layer of natural or synthetic material that is treated with an antimicrobial product, and
the third layer comprises a waterproof layer of breathable thermoplastic polyurethane,
wherein the second layer and the third layer are heat laminated to one another, and the first layer and the fourth layer are connected to one another via sewing and
the fourth layer contains a knitted or weaved pattern that includes a) conduits that facilitate mechanical passage of liquid, and b) a three-dimensional texture.
2. The multilayer lining for clothing according to claim 1, wherein the layer of outer finish material comprises a material that is selected from: cotton, modal, bamboo, viscose, polyester, microfiber, nylon, including combinations with elastane and spandex.
3. The multilayer lining for clothing according to claim 1, wherein the natural or synthetic material has a weight of between 60 and 350g/m².
4. The multilayer lining for clothing according to claim 1, wherein the natural or synthetic material comprises a material that is selected from: cotton, polyester, bamboo, viscose, tinsel,

modal and nylon.

5. The multilayer lining for clothing according to claim 1, wherein the natural or synthetic material comprises a structure that is selected from mesh, woven fabric, knitted fabric, fleece, plush or microfiber.

6. The multilayer lining for clothing according to claim 1, wherein the layer of natural or synthetic material is chemically treated with an antimicrobial product containing silver ions.

7. The multilayer lining for clothing according to claim 1, wherein the waterproof layer has a thickness of 0.015-0.020 mm.

8. The multilayer lining for clothing according to claim 1, wherein the fourth layer comprises a first sublayer and a second sublayer, the first sublayer is positioned inward from the second sublayer, and the second sublayer is positioned between the third layer and the first sublayer.

9. The multilayer lining for clothing according to claim 8, wherein the first sublayer is knitted or weaved and comprises up of 51% modal, viscose, bamboo, carbon or cotton, and the first sublayer has a weight between 90 and 300 g/m².

10. The multilayer lining for clothing according to claim 8, wherein the second sublayer comprises at least 90% polyester or microfiber with a fabric with a permanent wicking function, and the second sublayer has a weight between 100 and 300 g/m².

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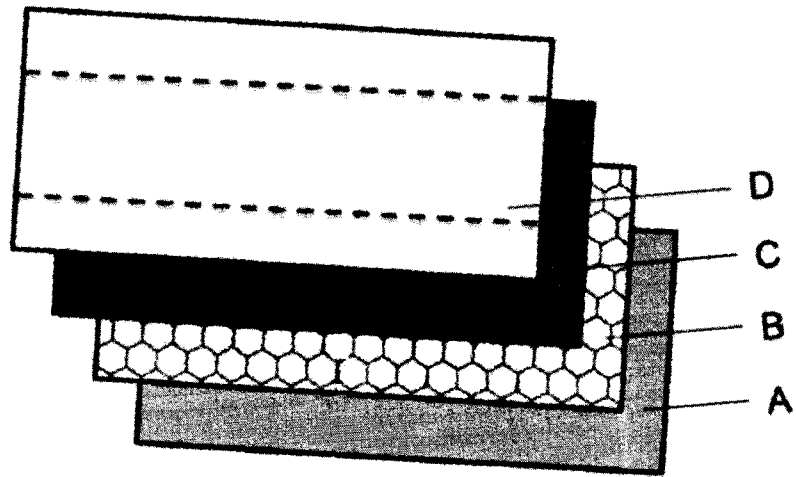


Figure 1

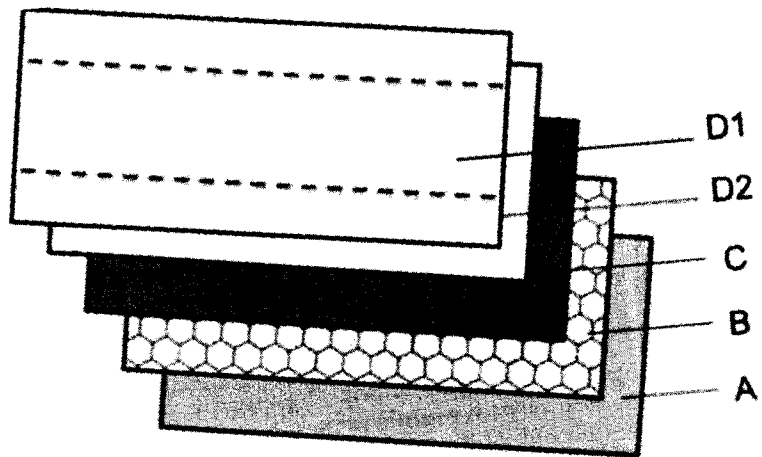


Figure 2

